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BASIC COMBAT TRAINING (BCT) CLASS 48-09



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"TREADWELL TOWER" BY PFC ZANE LEE

"Week one at Basic Combat Training (BCT) was the toughest." There was not as much training as there was re-adjustment. Soldiers were separated from the 'battle buddies' they had met at reception, and were forced to get acquainted with the new people of their platoon. Most of the first week consisted of classes over UCMJ, Army standards, and what to expect to do over the up coming 9+ weeks.

In the middle of the

March, from the barracks to Treadwell Tower.

At Treadwell, soldiers learned to tie the infamous "swiss seat", which they will never forget! After tying the swiss seat, soldiers learn how to rappel down a 12ft practice wall swing over an obstacle, climb up a 45ft ladder, and rappel down a 40ft wall. Next, soldiers negotiate a one, two, and three rope bridge on the way back up to the top. Once there, they maneuver down a 40ft cargo net.

I will say it again, "Week one at Basic Combat Training was the toughest."



"GAS CHAMBER" AND "CLS" BY PVT RONALD JINKINS

Alpha Company soldiers attacked week two with the gas chamber. This awesome adventure is said to be filled with some of the biggest fears to a BCT soldier.

Going into the

chamber was filled with excitement, motivation, and silent fear of the unknown. Coming out was simply the opposite. We knew the fears, and hated them all! But, we did make it out, alive!

Later that week, we did Combat Lifesaver (CLS) training. There we learned to perform immediate lifesaving techniques, including I.V. stick, which will allow us to possibly save lives in battle.

